


**Finding of Suitability to Lease  
Land At  
Naval Medical Center  
Portsmouth, Virginia  
To  
Columbia Gas of Virginia**

In accordance with ASN I&E Memorandum of 22 December 1993, I have reviewed the Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS) and/or related appropriate information concerning this property.

The issuing of a license by Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP) to Columbia Gas of Virginia (CGV) for the installation of a monitoring well is suitable to allow Columbia Gas to test for possible soil and groundwater contamination. Soil adjacent to a section of NMCP southeast fence line appears to be contaminated with oil from an old gasification plant operated by CGV. This license will allow CGV to establish the extent of contamination and to devise a clean up plan.

This will not impact the mission at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth.

The property contains some level of contamination by hazardous substances or petroleum products. However, this property can be used pursuant to the proposed lease, with specified use restrictions in the lease, with acceptable risk to human health or the environment.

  
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